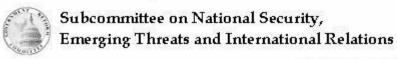
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Chairman Shays to Hold March 2 Hearing on Overclassification and Pseudo-classification of Information

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine the proliferation of categories of information that are not classified but are withheld from public disclosure.

The hearing on March 2 is a follow-up hearing to one the subcommittee had involving overclassification of information during the 108th Congress. On August 24, 2004, the subcommittee had a hearing entitled, "*Too Many Secrets: Overclassification as a Barrier to Critical Information Sharing*." This hearing examined the extent and impact of overclassification – the excessive designation of official secrets – as an impediment to the enhanced interagency and intergovernmental information sharing recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

The hearing, "Emerging Threats: Overclassification and Pseudo-classification, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m., in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

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